



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado received some measurable amount of precipitation last week. The Front Range was the only area that reported little or no rainfall. Temperatures were around average statewide. Producers had an average of 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	18	40	40	2
Last Week	21	40	37	2
Last Year	18	33	48	1

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	12	44	42	2
Last Week	15	43	40	2
Last Year	31	36	32	1

Small Grains: Winter wheat was 68 percent seeded and 35 percent emerged by the end of last week. This is behind last year and the 5-year average.

Row Crops: Sorghum had turned color, and was 68 percent mature and 12 percent harvested. The crop is in mostly good condition. Dry onions were 75 percent harvested and in mostly good condition. Sunflowers were 39 percent harvested and rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 68 percent harvested and in mostly excellent condition. Fall potatoes were 45 percent harvested and in mostly good to fair condition. Corn was 99 percent dent, 79 percent mature, and 14 percent harvested by the end of the week. Ninety-one percent of the corn silage crop was harvested by week's end. The corn crop is in mostly good condition. Sugarbeets were 14 percent harvested and in mostly good condition. Dry beans were 64 percent cut and 54 percent harvested, with the crop in mostly good condition.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 30, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	2	3	17	55	23
Last Year	5	11	20	45	19
Sorghum					
This Week	0	0	21	66	13
Last Year	3	11	28	56	2

Alfalfa Hay: Third cutting was 91 percent complete with 4th cutting 24 percent complete by the end of the week. The crop is in mostly good to fair condition.

Pasture and Range: Conditions remained the same as the previous week and are rated in mostly good to fair.

Livestock: Death loss for cattle was reported at average while sheep were slightly below average last week. Livestock is rated in mostly good condition. Stored feed supplies are above average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 30, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range	4	12	39	39	6
Prev. Year	10	26	39	23	2
5-Year Avg.	18	27	33	20	2

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Development Ratings for Week Ending September 30, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Seeded	68	48	82	83
Emerged	35	12	43	41
Corn				
Dent	99	90	99	97
Mature	79	60	69	66
Harvested	14	6	7	7
Corn Silage				
Harvested	91	79	97	85
Sorghum				
Turning Color	100	98	84	82
Mature	68	56	47	42
Harvested	12	8	3	7
Sunflowers				
Harvested	39	24	11	12
Alfalfa				
3 rd Cutting	91	85	91	86
4 th Cutting	24	14	29	30
Dry Onions				
Harvested	75	67	87	82
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	14	7	21	15
Summer Potatoes				
Harvested	68	51	86	82
Fall Potatoes				
Harvested	45	30	48	48
Dry Beans				
Cut	77	61	88	88
Harvested	54	37	68	62

COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	2	3	17	55	23
Sorghum	0	0	21	66	13
Sunflowers	1	2	13	67	17
Alfalfa	0	6	28	45	21
Dry Beans	0	2	23	64	11
Summer Potatoes	0	2	12	36	50
Fall Potatoes	0	5	35	45	15
Sugarbeets	0	5	18	62	15
Dry Onions	0	4	14	55	27
Livestock	0	2	13	64	21

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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